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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 30th January 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE*

(1) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER : I would like to announce to hon. Members that the election to the Industries Board will be by the single transferable vote, that is, hon. Members will have to mark 1 and 2 and not merely put a cross mark.

(2) OBSERVANCE OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS IN THE CAUSE OF INDIA'S FREEDOM.

MR. SPEAKER : I also desire to announce that silence will be observed to-day for two minutes at 11 a.m. in memory of those who gave up their lives in the struggle for India's freedom. I shall be happy if all hon. Members are present in the House and in their seats to show respect to those persons who gave up their lives in the freedom struggle.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Higher and Secondary grade teachers' training

* 3039[a] *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Advisory Committees have been appointed to assist the District Educational Officers to select candidates for Higher and Secondary grade teachers' training;

(*b*) the basis on which members are chosen to serve on the Advisory Committees; and

(*c*) the names of the members of the Committee for the Chingleput district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) In the case of Government Basic Training Schools alone Advisory Committees have been constituted with the District Education Officer or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools as a member. One of the functions of the Committee is the selection of candidates for admission into Basic Training Schools.

(*b*) The Advisory Committee consists of the Controlling Officer, i.e., the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress of

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[a] Postponed from the list for 28th January 1956.

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Schools as the case may be, the head of the institution concerned, the Presidents of the respective district boards and a non-official interested in basic education.

(c) The names of the non-official members are as follows :—

Government Basic Training School, Chingleput—Sri N. P. Krishnaswami Reddiar.

Government Basic Training School, Tirur—Dr. P. R. Raghuraman.

Government Basic Training School for Women, Kancheepuram—Dr. (Mrs.) Amirthaswami.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is of opinion that no Assembly Member belonging to the Chingleput district believes in basic education whereas in a similar selection in South Arcot district, a Member of this House has been selected by the Selection Board of that district, and no member of the district has been selected for similar membership in Chingleput district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, being a M.L.A is no bar to be appointed as a member of this Advisory Committee. The recommendations of the District Educational Officer and of the Director of Public Instruction are taken into consideration and appointments were made only for one year. I think in the next year, the suggestion of the hon. Member may be considered.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Sri Govindaswami Nayagar, M.L.A., of South Arcot district, does not believe in basic education, and may I know on what basis was he chosen to serve on this committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think the hon. Member's information is wrong about the attitude of Sri Govindaswamy Nayagar regarding basic education. He has assured me in person that he believes in basic education, and he has faith in it.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : In view of the controversy about non-official members and official members and their views, will the Government hereafter insist upon a declaration from the members concerned that they *bona fide* believe in basic education before they can serve on such committees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No such written declaration is necessary. After all the attitudes of persons are well-known.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, for the Advisory Committee functioning and meeting in Tanjore, may I know why a Member from Pattukkottai was nominated ignoring and overlooking an important Member of this House residing in Tanjore Municipal limits?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry this question relates to the Chingleput district. I do not have the facts regarding Tanjore district.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, in view of the fact that a large number of teachers apply for training in non-basic elementary and secondary grade training schools, and also in view of the fact that there is a very great rush for the said training, will the Government consider the question of constituting advisory committees for the selection of teachers for training in non-basic schools also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The policy of the Government is to convert all the non-basic training schools into basic training schools in the very near future. Therefore, when that happens, I do not think there will be any necessity to consider the suggestion which the hon. Member has made.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : நண்பர் வினாயகம் கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் அளிக்கையில், "அட்வைசரி கமிட்டியில் செங்கல்பட்டு சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்" என்று சொன்னார்கள் அக்கமிட்டியில் செங்கல்பட்டு ஜில்லா அங்கத்தினர் மாத்திரம் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படுமா ? அல்லது மாகாணம் பூராவிலுள்ள வேறு ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களும் நியமிக்கப்படுவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நான் பொதுவாகத்தான் சொன்னேன்.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Sir, is it not a fact that many of the District Educational Officers themselves do not believe in this basic education, and may I bring it to the notice of the Government that they have been privately confessing that they do not believe in this policy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think the statement of the hon. Member is correct that most of the District Educational Officers do not have faith in the basic education. After all, people do change their views. Opinion is now veering sound in favour of basic education not only with reference to non-officials but also with reference to officials. Also I may inform the hon. Member that there is now a proposal to give training to all the District Educational Officers in basic education methods.

SRI P. SELVARAJ : Sir, may I know whether the non-official members appointed now will continue for the next year or fresh appointments will be made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : My impression is that the appointments are for one year.

SRI C. KANDASAMY : உத்தியோகப் பற்றற்ற கமிட்டிகள் நியமிப்பதில் எதிர்க்கட்சி அங்கத்தினராக உள்ளவர்கள்கூட, ஜனங்களுக்குப் பதில் சொல்லக் கடமைப் பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆதலால் அக்கூட்டங்களைக் கன்வீன் செய்ய மற்ற கட்சித் தலைவர்களும் அப்போதைக்கப்போது கலந்துக் கொள்ளப்படுவார்களா ?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : எதிர்க்கட்சி அங்கத்தினர் என்ற காரணத்தினால் அவர்கள் கமிட்டியில் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை என்று சொல்வது சரியல்ல. ஏனென்றால் ஸ்ரீ கோவிந்தசாமியை கமிட்டியில் நியமித்திருப்பதிலிருந்தே இது நன்றாக விளங்கும். ஆகவே யாரைப் போட்டால் கமிட்டி நன்றாக நடக்கும் என்ற முறையில் தீர ஆலோசித்து தான் நியமிக்கப்படுகிறது.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the common adage that a single swallow does not make summer? Similarly as far as the Chingleput district is concerned, only the sympathizers of the Congress party are drafted on to serve on this committee, whereas there are other Assembly Members who are qualified in teaching, who have obtained degrees from the University of Madras and who still believe in basic education, but whose claims have been overlooked. Will the Hon. Minister kindly issue instructions to the department concerned to reconstitute this committee at least on a logical basis in the coming year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All these aspects were taken into consideration. Also the aspect that these committees should function smoothly without trouble was taken into consideration and then only the appointments were made.

9–10 a.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : செங்கல்பட்டில் மட்டுமில்லை. புதுக்கோட்டை, தஞ்சாவூர் முதலிய இதர இடங்களிலும் காங்கிரஸ் காரர்களுக்கே சலுகை கொடுக்கப்பட்டு அவர்களே இந்தக் கமிட்டிகளுக்கு நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : மற்ற ஜில்லாக்களைப் பொறுத்த மட்டில் என்னிடத்தில் தற்சமயம் விபரங்கள் இல்லை என்று இதற்கு முன்பே நான் சொன்னேன். ஆதாரக் கல்வியில் யாருக்கு நம்பிக்கை இருக்கிறதோ அவர்களைத்தான் இந்தக் கமிட்டிகளுக்கு நியமிக்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. ஆதாரக் கல்வியில் நம்பிக்கை இருக்கிறவர்கள் எதிர்க் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களா இருந்தாலும் அவர்களையும் நியமித்திருக்கிறோம் என்பதைப்பற்றி ஸ்ரீ விநாயகமே எடுத்துச்சொன்னார்கள்.

States Reorganization Commission Report

* 3078 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the States Reorganization Commission's Report; and

(*b*) the steps the Government propose to take for the inclusion of all territories with a majority of Tamil speaking people with the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government of India have been addressed in the matter.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Who is the ultimate and final authority in the matter of States Reorganization? How and when the idea of the formation of Zonal States and especially